

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 17, 40, and 46 as follows.

1-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A composite which defines a front waist section, a rear waist section, and an intermediate section which interconnects said front and rear waist sections, each section having one or more regions, said composite comprising:

- a) a vapor permeable backsheet which defines a Water Vapor Transmission Rate (WVTR) of at least about 1000 grams per square meter per 24 hours;
- b) a liquid permeable topsheet;
- c) an absorbent body located between said backsheet and said topsheet;
- d) a surge management layer; and
- e) at least one undulation of substantially liquid impermeable resilient material located between said backsheet and said topsheet in a target area ~~[and]~~ above the absorbent body, the undulation of resilient material having an elevation above said absorbent body ~~and cross-sectional profile with substantially liquid impermeable~~ sloped surfaces so as to direct fluids downwardly along the sloped surfaces of the undulation to the underlying absorbent body without the liquid passing through the undulation.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) The composite of Claim 17, wherein the at least one undulation is a hill, a mesa or a slope of material which provides for the direction of fluid to one or more regions of the composite.

20. (Withdrawn) The composite of Claim 17, wherein the absorbent body is essentially absent from one or more regions of the composite.

21. (Previously Presented) The composite of Claim 17, wherein the intermediate section comprises, at least in part, a crotch region and wherein the resilient material is located in the crotch region of the composite.

22. (Withdrawn) The composite of Claim 21, wherein the absorbent body is essentially absent from the crotch region of the composite.

23. (Original) The composite of Claim 17, wherein the backsheet is comprised of a highly breathable laminate.

24. (Original) The composite of Claim 23, wherein the highly breathable laminate is a film/nonwoven laminate.

25. (Original) The composite of Claim 24, wherein the nonwoven is a spunbond.

26. (Previously Presented) The composite of Claim 17, wherein the backsheet has a WVTR of at least about 2,500 g/m²/24hr.

27-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously Presented) The composite of Claim 17 wherein said at least one undulation is located between said surge management layer and said topsheet.

32. (Withdrawn) The composite of Claim 17 wherein said at least one undulation does not readily absorb fluids.

33. (Withdrawn) The composite of Claim 17 wherein said at least one undulation does not absorb fluids.

34. (Previously Presented) The composite of Claim 21 wherein said at least one undulation provides for the direction of fluid away from the crotch region.

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Previously Presented) The composite of Claim 17, wherein the at least one undulation provides for the movement of a fluid away from a region of the composite in a longitudinal direction or a lateral direction.

37. (Previously Presented) The composite of Claim 17, wherein the at least one undulation creates at least one hill-like structure.

38. (Withdrawn) The composite of Claim 17 further comprising a vapor barrier, said vapor barrier being positioned between the absorbent body and the topsheet.

39. (Previously Presented) The composite of Claim 17, wherein the resilient material comprises a foam-like material, elastomer, thermoplastic, open or closed cell foam, or a plastic composite.

40. (Currently Amended) A composite which defines a front waist section, a rear waist section, and an intermediate section which interconnects said front and rear waist sections, each section having one or more regions, said composite comprising:

- a) a vapor permeable backsheet;
- b) a liquid permeable topsheet;
- c) an absorbent body located between said backsheet and said topsheet; and
- d) at least one undulation of substantially liquid repellant impermeable resilient material located between said backsheet and said topsheet in a target area [and] above the absorbent body, the undulation of resilient material having an elevation above said absorbent body ~~and cross-sectional profile with substantially liquid repellant~~ sloped surfaces so as to direct fluids downwardly along the sloped surfaces of the undulation to the underlying absorbent body without the liquid passing through the undulation.

41. (Previously Presented) The composite of Claim 40 wherein the intermediate section comprises, at least in part, a crotch region and the resilient material is located in the crotch region of the composite and provides for the direction of fluid away from the crotch region.

42. (Previously Presented) The composite of Claim 41, wherein the at least one undulation provides for the movement of a fluid away from the crotch region of the composite in a longitudinal direction or a lateral direction.

43. (Withdrawn) The composite of Claim 40 further comprising a vapor barrier, said vapor barrier being positioned between the absorbent body and the topsheet.

44. (Previously Presented) The composite of Claim 40, wherein the resilient material comprises a foam-like material, an elastomer, a thermoplastic, an open or closed cell foam, or a plastic composite.

45. (Previously Presented) The composite of Claim 40 further comprising a surge management layer.

46. (Currently Amended) A composite which defines a front waist section, a rear waist section, and an intermediate section which interconnects said front and rear waist sections, each section having one or more regions, said composite comprising:

- a) a vapor permeable backsheet;
- b) a liquid permeable topsheet;
- c) an absorbent body located between said backsheet and said topsheet; and
- d) at least one undulation of substantially liquid impermeable resilient material located between said backsheet and said topsheet above the absorbent body wherein said resilient material provides for the movement of a fluid away from the intermediate

section of the composite in a longitudinal direction or a lateral direction, the undulation of resilient material having an elevation above said absorbent body ~~and cross-sectional profile with substantially liquid-impermeable~~ sloped surfaces so as to direct fluids downwardly along the sloped surfaces of the undulation to the underlying absorbent body without the liquid passing through the undulation. [[.]]

47. (Previously Presented) The composite of Claim 46 wherein said at least one undulation does not readily absorb fluids.

48. (Previously Presented) The composite of Claim 46 wherein the intermediate section comprises, at least in part, a crotch region and the resilient material is located in the crotch region of the composite and provides for the direction of fluid away from the crotch region.

49. (Previously Presented) The composite of Claim 46 further comprising a surge management layer.

50. (Previously Presented) The composite of Claim 46, wherein the resilient material comprises a foam-like material, an elastomer, a thermoplastic, an open or a closed cell foam, or a plastic composite.